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History & Hope for Climate Action: An Interpretive Toolkit

Creative climate stories

Wherever people are a part of the landscape, there are relevant—and important—climate change stories to explore. These stories can improve our understanding of why we're in this moment of climate crisis. They can inspire our curiosity on how people have worked together to create change in the past. And they can motivate us to protect parks and communities in a warming world.

[History & Hope for Climate Action: An Interpretive Toolkit](https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/707722) (<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/707722>)

helps communicators explore people-centered

connections to climate change. The toolkit uses a three-

step process to develop engaging, site-relevant stories that

move audiences to awareness and action. [An accompanying](#)

[worksheet](https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/707723) (<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/707723>) helps interpreters implement the three-step approach.

Department of the Interior employees can also access [an interactive version of the toolkit](https://doimspp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-waso-servicewide-iev/SitePages/HH.aspx) (<https://doimspp.sharepoint.com/sites/nps-waso-servicewide-iev/SitePages/HH.aspx>). Although developed for National Park Service employees, interpreters and communicators from other organizations may find *History & Hope* equally useful.



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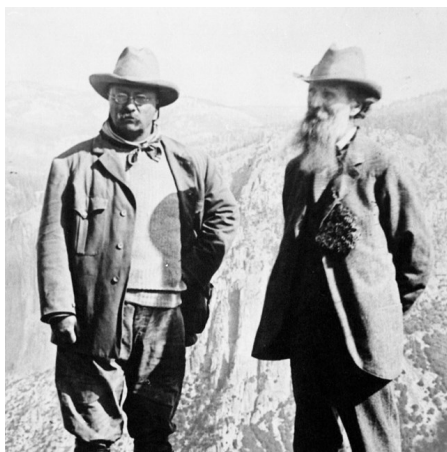
History & Hope in action

"People come to parks because they're compelled to connect with and understand them. What happened here? What does it mean to me? That's an opportunity for rangers to help visitors explore the consequences of past actions on today. That's what the History & Hope toolkit does. It helps make those connections clear and expands the way we're able to talk about climate change. That can bring people

into the meaning-making process and move them to action."

Eric Leonard, Superintendent of the High Plains Group of Parks (Amache National Historic Site, Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, Capulin Volcano National Monument, and Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site)

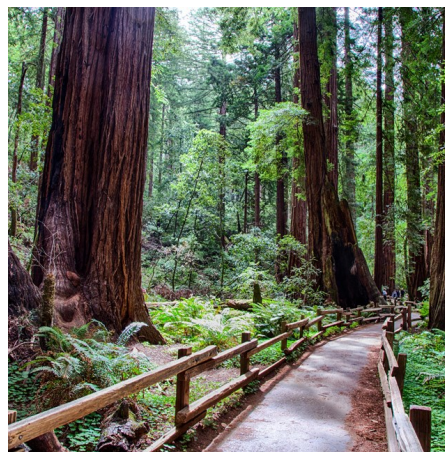
History & Hope is a framework that can be integrated into a variety of mediums: webpages, exhibits, formal programs, education programs, and more. Below are a few examples of how History & Hope was integrated into products:



Theodore Roosevelt and Climate Change

(<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/theodore-roosevelt-climate-change.htm>)

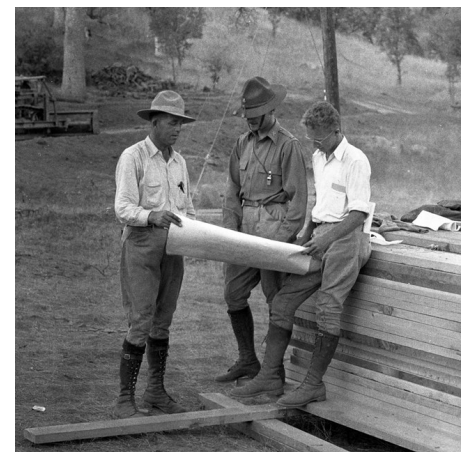
How can we think about Theodore Roosevelt's legacy in the context of climate change?



Climate Resilient Future for Muir Woods

(<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/a-climate-resilient-future-for-muir-woods.htm>)

This article connects the story of Muir Woods' preservation to climate change today.



Climate Change and the CCC

(<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/resilience-in-a-time-of-change.htm>)

Lessons from the Civilian Conservation Corps can teach us about climate change.



Boston National Historical



Boston African American

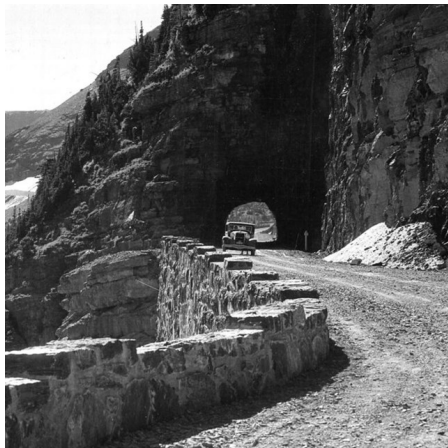


Lewis & Clark National

Park

(<https://www.nps.gov/bost/learn/climate-change.htm>)

This webpage uses History & Hope themes to connect Boston's history to its future.



Causes of Climate Change at Glacier

(<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/causes-consequences-of-climate-change-at-glacier-national-park.htm>)

This article explores how Glacier National Park is connected to fossil fuels, and climate change.

Historic Site

(<https://www.nps.gov/boaf/learn/climate-change.htm>)

This webpage connects Black history in Boston to present and future climate change.



Climate Change Solutions at Glacier

(<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/global-warming-solutions-benefits-at-glacier-national-park.htm>)

How is Glacier transitioning away from fossil fuels?

Historic Trail

(<https://www.nps.gov/lecl/learn/nature/climatechange.htm>)

This webpage makes connections between the Lewis and Clark story and climate change.



Juan Bautista de Anza Historic Trail

(<https://www.nps.gov/juba/learn/historyculture/climatechange.htm>)

Explore the legacy of the Anza expedition in the context of climate change.

Example Interpretive Product

Staff at Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park used visitor voices to build a History & Hope-inspired interpretive product. Hundreds of visitors answered the following question posted on a whiteboard:

During WWII, the country mobilized around a common cause. What cause do you want to mobilize around next?

Every response was recorded and tallied. The larger words in the word cloud to the right are the most popular responses. Staff created an exhibit that drew parallels between issues visitors proposed we mobilize around today and social movements from the postwar period.

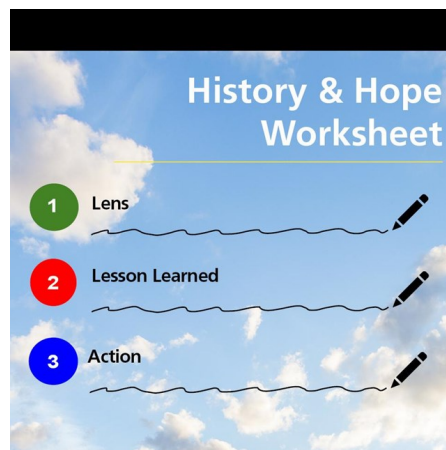
History & Hope resources



History & Hope Toolkit

(<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/707722>)

Explore the full toolkit PDF



History & Hope Worksheet

(<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/707723>)

The worksheet helps you craft a story using the three-step process.



History & Hope on Headwaters Podcast

(<https://www.nps.gov/podcasts/headwaters.htm#episode-DFD3B14F-9AD7-C0B6-A1477F19294499C2>)

Listen to one of the toolkit's creators discuss History & Hope on Glacier National Park's podcast.

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